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1 1. (original) A method for controlling production or manufacturing costs by
2 obtaining measurements of unit manufacturing for a multiplicity of products or
3 production lines and having a started units number for a plurality of processes,
4 comprising the steps of:

5 determining an approved units number for said plurality of processes;
6 determining a unit production cost for each said unit in said plurality of
7 processes;
8 calculating an unapproved units number for each said process;
9 calculating a cost of yield measurement for each of said plurality of processes
10 by multiplying said unapproved units number by said unit production cost
11 for said each said unit; and
12 comparing said cost for each unapproved unit for each said process.

1 2. (original) The method of claim 1 further comprising the steps of:
2 providing an expected yield measurement for each of said plurality of
3 processes;
4 calculating an expected approved units number by multiplying said started
5 units number by said expected yield measurement;
6 calculating an actual yield for each of said plurality of processes;

7 providing a comparison of said cost of yield with said actual yield for each said
8 plurality of processes.

1 3. (original) A method for controlling production or manufacturing costs by
2 obtaining yield measurements of unit manufacturing for a multiplicity of products
3 or production lines having a plurality of processes, comprising the steps of:

4 determining a started units number for said plurality of processes;

5 determining a cost per unit for each said unit of said plurality of processes;

6 calculating an expected approved units number for said plurality of processes

7 by multiplying said started units number by an expected yield
8 measurement;

9 calculating an actual approved units number for each of said plurality of
10 processes by multiplying said started units number by an actual yield
11 measurement;

12 calculating an unapproved units number for each of said plurality of processes
13 by subtracting said expected approved units number from said actual
14 approved units number;

15 calculating cost of yield measurements for said plurality of processes by
16 multiplying said unapproved units number by said cost per unit; and

17 providing a comparison of said cost of yield measurements for said plurality of
18 processes.

1 4. (original) The method of claim 3 further comprising the steps of:
2 calculating an actual yield measurement by dividing an initial approved units
3 number by said started units number for each of said plurality of processes;
4 providing a comparison of said actual yield measurement for said plurality of
5 processes;
6 calculating an expected yield measurement by dividing an initial expected
7 approved units number by said started units number for each of said
8 plurality of processes; and
9 providing a comparison of said expected yield measurement for said plurality
10 of processes.

1 5. (original) A method for controlling and improving production or
2 manufacturing costs by obtaining yield measurements of unit manufacturing for a
3 multiplicity of products or production lines having a plurality of processes,
4 comprising the steps of:
5 determining an initial started units number for said plurality of processes;
6 determining a cost per unit number for each said unit of said plurality of
7 processes;
8 calculating an actual yield measurement by dividing an initial approved units
9 number by said initial started units number for each of said plurality of
10 processes;

11 providing a comparison of said actual yield measurement for said plurality of
12 processes;
13 calculating expected yield measurements by dividing an expected approved
14 units number by said initial started units number for each of said plurality of
15 processes;
16 providing a comparison of said expected yield measurements for said plurality
17 of processes;
18 calculating an initial actual approved units number for said plurality of
19 processes by multiplying a subsequent started units number by said actual
20 yield measurement;
21 calculating subsequent expected approved units numbers for said plurality of
22 processes by multiplying said subsequent started units numbers by said
23 expected yield measurement;
24 calculating cost of yield measurements for said plurality of processes by
25 multiplying said subsequent expected approved units number by said cost
26 per unit; and
27 providing a comparison of said cost of yield measurements for a plurality of
28 processes.

1 6. (original) The method of claim 5 further comprising the step of:

2 calculating a subsequent actual unapproved units number for a plurality of
3 processes by subtracting said subsequent expected approved units number
4 from a subsequent actual approved units number.

1 7. (original) The method of claim 5 wherein said yields are recalculated with
2 subsequent data and tabulated for comparing said yields.

1 8. (original) The method of claim 5 wherein said plurality of processes run
2 simultaneously.

1 9. (original) The method of claim 5 further comprising the step of:
2 applying resources to said processes having the highest cost of yield based on
3 said comparing of said costs of yield measurements.

1 10. (original) A method for controlling production or manufacturing costs by
2 obtaining and comparing measurements of unit manufacturing costs for production
3 or manufacturing of a plurality of products or production lines, comprising the
4 steps of:

5 determining a started units number for each of a plurality of processes;
6 determining an approved units number for each of said plurality of processes;
7 determining a unit production cost for each said unit of each said process;

8 calculating an unapproved units number by subtracting said units started
9 number from said approved units number;
10 calculating cost of yield measurement for each of said plurality of processes by
11 multiplying said unapproved units number by said unit production cost for
12 each of said plurality of processes; and
13 providing a comparison of said cost of yield measurement for each of said
14 plurality of processes.

✓ A1 1 11. (original) The method of claim 10 further comprising the steps of:
2 calculating an actual yield measurement by dividing said approved units
3 number by said started units number for each of said plurality of processes;
4 and
5 providing a comparison of said actual yield measurement of each of said
6 plurality of processes.

1 12. (original) The method of claim 10 further comprising the steps of:
2 calculating a target yield measurement; and
3 providing a comparison of said target yield measurement for each of said
4 plurality of processes.

1 13. (original) The method of claim 10 wherein said yields are recalculated with
2 subsequent data and tabulated for comparing said yields.

1 14. (original) The method of claim 10 wherein said plurality of processes run
2 simultaneously.

1 15. (original) The method of claim 10 further comprising the step of:
2 applying resources to said processes having the highest cost of yield based on
3 said comparing of said costs of yield measurements.

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1 16. (original) A method for controlling and improving production or
2 manufacturing costs by obtaining and comparing yield measurements of unit
3 manufacturing for a plurality of products or production lines comprising the steps
4 of:
5 determining a started units number for each of a plurality of processes;
6 determining an approved units number for each of said plurality of processes;
7 determining a unit production cost for each said unit of each said process;
8 calculating an actual yield measurement by dividing said approved units
9 number by said started units number for each of said plurality of processes;
10 providing a comparison of said actual yield measurements for each of said
11 plurality of processes;
12 calculating a number of unapproved units by subtracting said started units
13 number from said approved units number;

14 calculating cost of yield measurement for each of said plurality of processes by
15 multiplying said number of unapproved units by said unit production cost
16 for each unit; and
17 providing a comparison of said cost of yield measurement for each of said
18 plurality of processes.

1 17. (original) The method of claim 16 further comprising the steps of:
2 calculating an expected approved units number by multiplying said started
3 units number by an expected yield measurement; and
4 calculating said approved units number by multiplying said started units
5 number by said actual yield measurement.

1 18. (original) The method of claim 17 further comprising the steps of:
2 calculating an expected yield measurement by dividing said expected
3 approved units number by said started units number; and
4 providing a comparison of said expected yield measurements for each of said
5 plurality of processes.

1 19. (original) The method of claim 16 further comprising:
2 determining a sale cost of each said unit for each said process;
3 calculating cost of lost sales for each of said plurality of processes by
4 multiplying said number of unapproved units by said sale cost for each unit;

5 providing a comparison of said cost of lost sales for each of said plurality of
6 processes.

1 20. (original) A computer program product for controlling production or
2 manufacturing costs by obtaining measurements of unit manufacturing for a
3 multiplicity of products or production lines and having a started units number for a
4 plurality of processes, said computer program product having:

5 computer readable program code means for determining an approved units
6 number for said plurality of processes;

7 computer readable program code means for determining a unit production cost
8 for each said unit in said plurality of processes;

9 computer readable program code means for calculating an unapproved units
10 number for each said process;

11 computer readable program code means for calculating a cost of yield
12 measurement for each of said plurality of processes by multiplying said
13 unapproved units number by said unit production cost for said each said
14 unit; and

15 computer readable program code means for comparing said cost for each
16 unapproved unit for each said process.

1 21. (original) A program storage device readable by a machine, tangibly
2 embodying a program of instructions executable by the machine to perform steps

3 for controlling production or manufacturing costs by obtaining measurements of
4 unit manufacturing for a multiplicity of products or production lines and having a
5 started units number for a plurality of, said method steps comprising:

6 determining an approved units number for said plurality of processes;

7 determining a unit production cost for each said unit in said plurality of
8 processes;

9 calculating an unapproved units number for each said process;

10 calculating a cost of yield measurement for each of said plurality of processes

11 by multiplying said unapproved units number by said unit production cost

12 for said each said unit; and

13 comparing said cost for each unapproved unit for each said process.
